

**§ 108D-45. Number and nature of capitated PHP contracts.**

The number and nature of the contracts required under G.S. 108D-65(3) shall be as follows:

- (1) Four contracts between the Division of Health Benefits and PHPs to provide coverage to Medicaid and NC Health Choice recipients statewide.
- (2) Up to 12 contracts between the Division of Health Benefits and PLEs for coverage of regions specified by the Division of Health Benefits pursuant to G.S. 108D-65(2). Regional contracts shall be in addition to the four statewide contracts required under subdivision (1) of this section. Each regional contract shall provide coverage throughout the entire region for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice services required by G.S. 108D-35. A PLE may bid for more than one regional contract, provided that the regions are contiguous.
- (3) The limitations on the number of contracts established in this section shall not apply to BH IDD tailored plans described in G.S. 108D-60.
- (4) Initial capitated PHP contracts may be awarded on staggered terms of three to five years in duration to ensure against gaps in coverage that may result from termination of a contract by the PHP or the State. (2015-245, s. 4; 2016-121, s. 2(b); 2018-48, s. 1; 2019-81, s. 14(a).)